SEAFORTH

A Souvenir of Seaforth, Canada.

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Seaforth

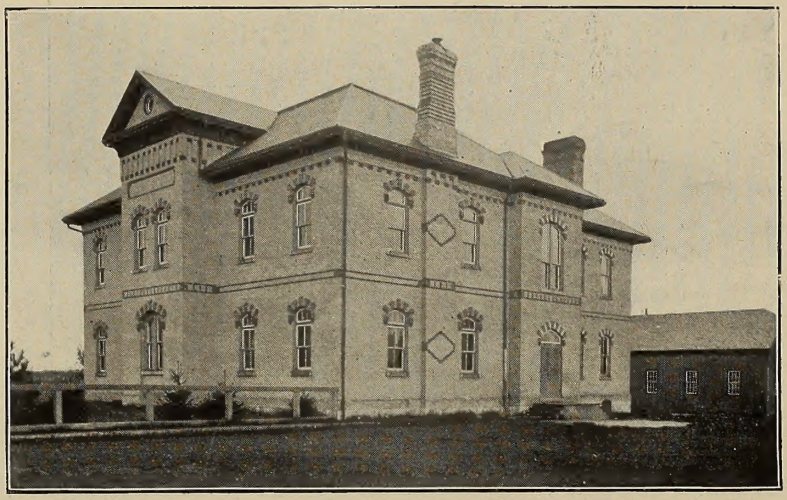
IS SITUATED on the Buffalo and Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk Railway, equal distance between Goderich and Stratford. It is only about forty years since the spot on which Seaforth now stands was a comparative wilderness. The ground for the town-site was surveyed about the year 1860 and the place was then given the name of "Seaforth." The plot was laid out by Messrs. Patton, Bernard & Lefroy, a company of Eastern capitalists who had purchased the old Sparling farm, on which a portion of the town now stands. Mr. Patton (afterwards Hon. James Patton, and for many years the law partner of Sir John A. Macdonald, in Kingston) gave the town its name, after a town in Scotland from which he had come, and it has retained that cognomen ever since.

Seaforth was set apart as a separate municipality and incorporated as a village in the year 1868, and was made a town in 1875. One of the most important events in its early history was the discovery of salt, the first salt strike having been made, about the year 1870, by Messrs. Coleman & Gouinlock, and for many years the leading salt business of the Province was carried on here.

Seaforth is the centre ot one of the richest and most fertile agricultural districts in Canada. The shipments of live stock from Seaforth station are, probably, larger than from any other station on the line, while its imports in the way of mercantile supplies are not excelled in extent by many towns of much greater pretensions, while its mercantile and other business houses are equaled by few towns in Ontario and are excelled by none. Various branches of manufacture are, also, well represented. The town has a population of about three thousand, exclusive of the villages of Egmondville and Harpurhey, which, although not included within the town limits, are, for all practical purposes, part and parcel of the town, and with these the population will verge on four thousand. It is universally admitted to be one of the neatest and busiest places in Western Ontario and is continually making steady and safe progress upwards. Besides its many handsome business houses, it has many comfortable and elegant private residences, and is one of the most pleasant places of residence in the West. It has an excellent system of water-works, fire protection, and also electric light works.

All the leading religious denominations are represented, while its educational institutions are second to none, its Collegiate Institute taking first rank among similar institutions in the Province. Being, as it is, the centre and chief market place of such a rich and prosperous farming country, which is continually improving, it can not fail to not only hold its own, but must, of necessity, continue to grow and prosper.

MAIN STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.



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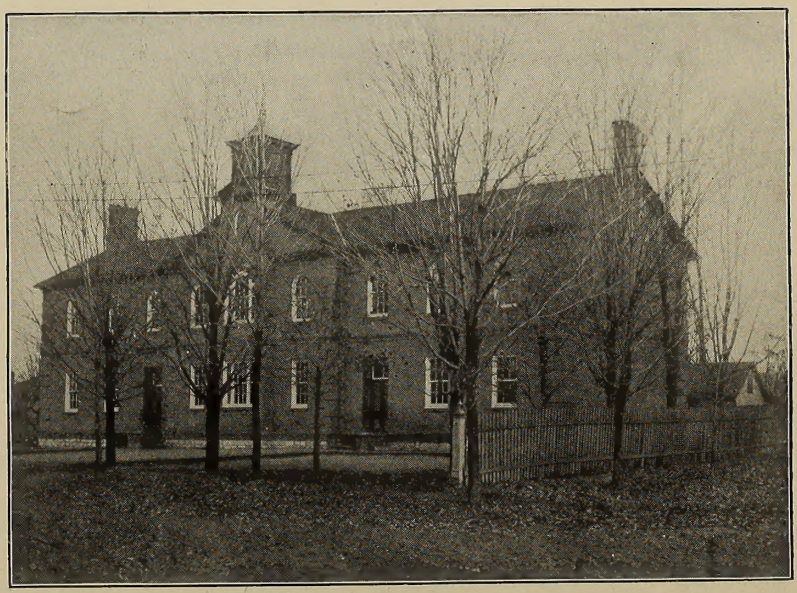

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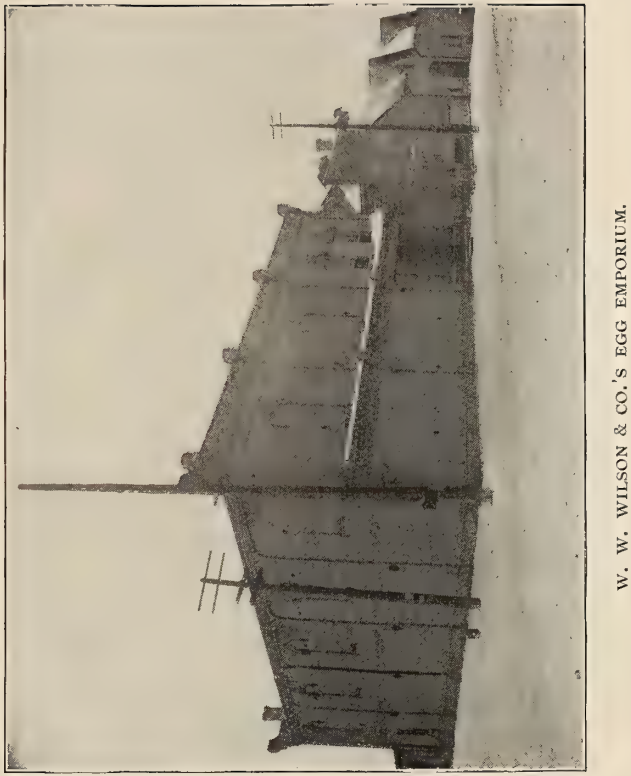

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